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James W. (Bill) Curtis, FAICP
Executive Director

November 12, 2008

Mr. Michael L. Stampfer, City Manager
City of Talladega
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Dear Mr. Stampfer:

It is with pleasure that I write supporting the efforts of the City of Talladega to receive Brownfield Assessment Grant funding to undertake environmental assessments of potential brownfield sites in the Battle Street area, and city-wide. I want to outline the role that the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission will play in assisting the City in this project.

The Commission's Community Development staff will undertake the community outreach portion of the project, designing and implementing the outreach protocols for citizens and stakeholders. This activity includes but is not limited to surveying citizens, conducting meetings, compiling reports and other activities which the outreach effort might entail.

In addition the staff will provide technical assistance; working with any consultants the City may wish to bring on board, to conduct the Phase I Environmental Site Assessments. This also includes working with the City and the property owners to provide for site access.

The staff will also assist the City in the reporting requirements that are a part of any Federal grant. This includes the preparation of progress reports and requests for funds.

Finally the Planning Department staff, following the procedure that it used to develop *The City of Talladega Comprehensive Plan*, will work directly with the City, citizens, property owners, stakeholders and other Federal and State partners to develop the Cleanup and Redevelopment Plan.



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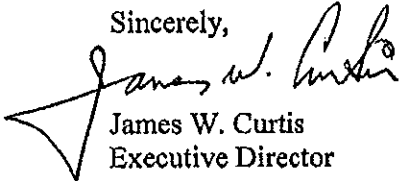
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We are looking forward with great anticipation to this project and the City has our complete cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. Curtis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

James W. Curtis
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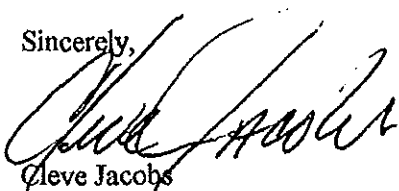
Mr. Michael L. Stampfler
City Manager
City Of Talladega
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Dear Mr. Stampfler:

I'm writing as Chairman of the Talladega Economic Development Authority to voice our wholehearted support for your application for a Brownfield Site Assessment grant, which will greatly enhance the potential for increased economic and industrial growth within the City of Talladega. This study will help identify the needs of our community which we then can address to make our community more appealing to prospective new business and industry.

Our organization will work cooperatively with the city to implement this program. Once completed, we will financially support and help you raise the matching monies for the next phase of the process.

Sincerely,



Cleve Jacobs
Chairman
Talladega County Economic Development Authority



ONIS "TREY" GLENN, III
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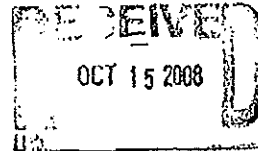


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BOB RILEY
GOVERNOR

October 10, 2008

Mr. Michael L. Stampfer
City Manager
City of Talladega
Post Office Box 498
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RE: Federal Brownfields Assessment Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Stampfer:

This letter serves as recognition and support by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management of the City of Talladega's intent to apply for federal brownfields assessment grant funding obtainable through the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These grant funds are made available by the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act and are being competitively awarded by EPA. An acknowledgement letter from the state environmental authority is a threshold criteria requirement of the application process for these funds.

We wish the City of Talladega success in the pursuit of these funds.

Sincerely,

Wm. Gerald Hardy, Chief
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November 6, 2008

Mr. Michael Stampfler, City Manager
City of Talladega
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Dear Mr. Stampfler:

On behalf of the medical staff and associates of Citizens Baptist Medical Center, I am pleased to write a letter supporting your efforts to receive the Brownfield Site Assessment Grant.

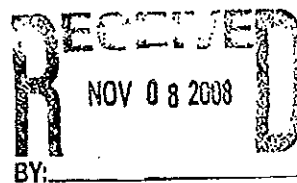
As this community's main healthcare provider and a major employer, we understand and see firsthand the effects the environment can have on an individual's overall well being. Providing our city leaders with key environmental information could prove invaluable to this community. Additionally, this grant will provide a foundation for much needed development and economic growth.

Our hospital organization applauds your efforts to serve this community. Please contact me if we may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Steven L. Gautney, FACHE
President



Greater Talladega Area Chamber of Commerce

Greater Talladega Area Chamber of Commerce
Post Office Drawer A
Talladega, Alabama 35161

November 10, 2008

Mr. Michael Stampfler
City Manager
City of Talladega
Post Office Box 498
Talladega, Alabama 35161

Dear Mr. Stampfler:

The Greater Talladega Area Chamber of Commerce took this opportunity to discuss with many citizens and business owners the benefits of a Brownfield Assessment Grant, for the City of Talladega. The committee researched other cities that have utilized this grant and found it to be beneficial to their economic growth of the area. The City of Talladega needs to look closely at the retail area and find ways to improve our city's image and attract new retail development.

The Greater Talladega Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports the City of Talladega's decision in applying for the Brownfield Assessment Grant and will assist you any way possible.

Sincerely,

Heidi Edwards
President/CSO
Greater Talladega Area Chamber of Commerce

Citizens for Good Government
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November 3, 2008

Mr. Michael L. Stampfler, City Manager
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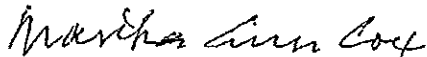
Dear Mr. Stampfler:

Traditionally, Citizens for Good Government has been focused on Governmental Affairs, however; a by-product of this effort is to enhance the perception and appearance of our community. We are concerned that the image projected is a favorable one. The Brownfield Site Assessment Project will surely enhance the visual image and environmental culture of our community and will provide opportunities to attract new retail and commercial development.

Our city has a rich cultural history. The targeted area for this project follows the historic route through Talladega. We support the Brownfield Site Application Grant Application.

If we can be of assistance in anyway please let us know.

Sincerely,

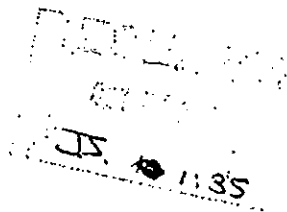


Dean Martha Ann Cox
Chairperson

ALABAMA INSTITUTE AIDB FOR DEAF AND BLIND



October 31, 2008



Honorable Michael L. Stampfer
Manager, City of Talladega
203 West South Street
Talladega, Alabama 35160

Dear Mr. Stampfer:

On behalf of the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind (AIDB), I fully support the City of Talladega's initiative to secure funding to administer a Brownsfield Site Assessment Grant on Talladega's thoroughfare, Battle Street, and within the Bemiston community.

Like the City of Talladega, AIDB seeks to develop and sustain economic and educational initiatives that will facilitate collaboration between local, state and federal agencies while having a lasting, positive impact on the Institute, city, state, and nation. I applaud the City of Talladega and the East Alabama Regional Planning and Development Commission for their past support of AIDB and their current foresight and vision involving the future growth of Talladega.

Conducting a Brownsfield Site Assessment Grant will have multiple, data-driven outcomes for AIDB and the City of Talladega. Foremost, a Brownsfield Site Assessment will identify abandoned and/or underutilized properties within the City. I anticipate that a successful Brownsfield Site Assessment Award will also provide secondary benefits such as:

- providing hands-on learning for AIDB students and Local Education Agencies within the County, reinforcing classroom concepts related to economics, environmental sciences, and mathematics;
- facilitating and enhancing relationships with local school systems, current and future business and industry; Chambers of Commerce and municipal and state agencies;
- providing multiple opportunities for media coverage in local newspapers, state broadcast mediums and special publications;

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- engaging and educating the general public on environmental and economic issues related to Talladega City, Talladega County and the State;
- attracting potential residents, businesses and industries to Talladega City and County;
- strengthening and enhancing the existing City infrastructure;
- serving as leverage for future municipal, state and federal funding; and
- providing the catalyst for a multifaceted, long-term economic strategy for the City.

This proposal is of great interest to me, as AIDB is comprised of three residential campuses serving students, three to 21; a vocational-rehabilitation facility serving adults; a sheltered workshop for the blind and nine regional centers located statewide. Although five campuses are located in Talladega City, AIDB serves every county in Alabama.

However, it can be argued that Alabama's Region IV has the highest concentration of individuals who are deaf, blind and multidisabled in the State. Growing our City and County through revitalization and redevelopment of our existing land resources is paramount for our continued growth and sustainability. However, cleansing contaminants within our City is imperative for the health and improved quality of life of those who live and work within AIDB and for those we serve.

Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." I look forward to the outcomes of this competitive grant process. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to provide this document of support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Graham", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Terry Graham, Ed.D.
President

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November 3, 2008

Dear Editor:

While living in a community where everything, whether environmental or governmental, affects us, and if we see that our community looks dirty and uncared for, we are discouraged and unmotivated to work hard. We, at many times, wait for someone to take the leadership to get something new started. The Brownfield project is something that can help our community look better and everyone living here feel better.

As a high school student at ASB, I don't get to participate in environmental projects such as the Brownfield project. The students at our school want to help the city officials in this project by being a part of the environmental assessment of Brownfield properties. We welcome this project as a real environmental science study. The Brownfield project is where we, the students and community, take responsibility for cleaning up pieces of land that destroy the scenery because of our own use, abuse, and neglect of the land.

The students at ASB would get to be a part of a real life experience of how the community members can practice environmental conservation from assessment to restoration and development. We often read about such projects in our textbooks and magazines and have often wished that we could be a part of environmental project in our own community.

In addition, we would like to help with all of the phases of this project and possibly writing of our experiences for the community newspaper. The high school students of ASB are concerned members of the community who want to help Talladega become more prosperous and stay clean, healthy, and beautiful.

Katie Fowler

October 29, 2008

Dear Dr. Graham/Dear Editor:

My name is Danny Finley and I attend that Alabama School for the Blind. I don't live in Talladega but I do go to school here. I have been going to school here for 6 years and over the years when I go home and come back to school from the summer vacation, I pass through the streets of Talladega and I am displeased with the forgotten and uncared-for lots around the city.

I know that you don't have much control over that, but you do have the control over the will to help make a change for the place where you call home and the place where I go to school. I am writing you this letter to let you know that I support Talladega's efforts to make a change in the environment.

I am also a teenager that wants to help make a change in the community. I want to make a difference. My friends and my fellow classmates want to make a difference.

We are asking you to let us as a whole help make Talladega a better place for everyone. We have already proven that we can do many things but we feel that it is time to show that we can do anything that we put our minds to.

I want to learn more about the Brownfield Project. I want to be a part in something that is going to make a change and help someone. We at the School for the Blind feel that we can learn and gain so much information about the environment from the Brownfield Project. Maybe if we can learn here then we can take it to our own hometowns and start something there and maybe take it all around the United States of America. I think the Brownfield Project would be a good idea for the Talladega community and good for the students at the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind to participate in.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. We at the School for the Blind appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Danny Finley

October 31, 2008

Dear Dr. Graham/Dear Editor:

I, Alex Cleveland, am personally interested in helping the environment and would like to help in this great restoration of the Brownfield properties. I believe that this will not only make the area look better, but will make all of Talladega feel more proud of their city. I think that these unused lots are making our city look bad.

I, as a student, would like this opportunity to help clean these lots to gain knowledge in the field of environmental science and maybe this will even help me choose a career once I graduate. I often read about people in our textbooks who have done something for their environment, and I have always wanted the chance to be a part of these projects too.

The students at ASB are concerned about what effects these Brownfield properties will have on the environment in Talladega. We want to help all that we can, not only as students, but as citizens of Talladega. I would like to help clean Talladega in my high school years through the Brownfield project. Thank you for your time reading this letter.

Sincerely,
Alex Cleveland, 9th grade

HISTORIC TALLADEGA REVITALIZATION TASK FORCE

Post Office Drawer C
Talladega, Alabama 35161

November 3, 2008

Mr. Michael L. Stampfler, City Manager
City of Talladega
Post Office Box 498
Talladega, Alabama 35161

Dear Mr. Stampfler,

As you know, the group of citizens working on the revitalization and stabilization of the historic town center is making progress in making the area around the town square more attractive and desirable for commercial and community involvement. One of our objectives includes cleaning up unsightly areas to make the heart of our city more appealing. The Brownfield site identified in the City's application for an assessment grant intersects the historic district. Recycling any contaminated property in the downtown corridor would be a major plus for the historic area.

Our task force will work cooperatively with the City if the Brownfield Site Assessment grant is awarded to help implement the program. Our objectives are similar and we will complement each other. Please let us know if we can assist in any way.

Very truly yours,

M. P. Greene, Jr., Coordinator



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November 7, 2008

Ellen C. Austin
Community Development Director
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Subject: Alabama Brownfield Tax Incentives

We are pleased that you are considering rehabilitating a Brownfield site and bringing new investment to Alabama. The Alabama Department of Revenue strongly supports any economic development within the state and is pleased to partner with you in this project. The staff of the Office of Economic Development, which is part of the Office of the Commissioner of Revenue, is available continuously to answer questions or to provide any assistance you may need with tax incentives or with the general tax structure of Alabama.

As required by Alabama law, any information provided to the Alabama Department of Revenue about a taxpayer or potential taxpayer must be kept confidential.

Our economic development staff is available to assist you and your client in qualifying for and obtaining all tax incentives available under Alabama law. We look forward to consulting with you about Alabama taxes and tax incentives. If you have any questions, please contact John Paradise (334)868-9968

The Alabama Department of Revenue appreciates this opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

Tim Russell
Commissioner

TALLADEGA MUNICIPAL AIRPORT BOARD
P.O. Box 695
Talladega, Alabama 35160

October 21, 2008

The Honorable Michael Stampfer
City Manager / City of Talladega
203 W. South Street
Talladega, Alabama 35160

RE: FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR
BROWNFIELD REMEDIATIONS WITHIN
THE CITY OF TALLADEGA

Dear Mike,

The Talladega Municipal Airport Board has for many years been a strong advocate of industrial and economic development within the Talladega community. We have strived to maintain a first class airport for the City, and to use it as a key component in the marketing of new industries for our area of the state. We feel we have been very successful with our endeavors, and our success has been reflected in the support we have received from many state and federal agencies. Our senators and congressmen have always been supportive of our development programs, and have played a key role in helping the airport achieve unprecedented growth over the past decade.

It is now our understanding the City of Talladega is seeking federal assistance through the form of one or more federal grants, to help redevelop certain unused and blighted properties that exist within the City of Talladega. We recognize those sites as those needing to be cleaned up, in order to eliminate the negative image they portray when the City is trying to sell itself to a potential new business or industry.

Some of these sites needing clean up can also carry hidden problems for they may have additional clean up requirements... expensive requirements... that must be addressed in the clean up process, in the form of contaminated soils, asbestos, etc. These sites are often times identified as "Brownfield" sites, which by definition are properties, expansions, or redevelopments which may be hindered... or even prevented... by the presence of a hazardous substance or contaminant.

Through conversations with you, as well as internet research, we have learned the federally funded redevelopment programs are designed to help cities like Talladega and others with the redevelopment of these Brownfield sites. Federal grants which are available support revitalization by funding environmental assessment, cleanup, and job training activities. We have found there are several forms of grants available, including the following...

- *Brownfield Assessment Grants...* which provide funding for Brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach;

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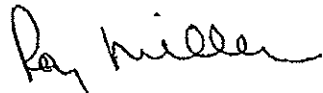
- *Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grants...* which provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to clean up brownfields;
- *Brownfield Job Training Grants...* which provide environmental training for residents of brownfields communities; and,
- *Brownfield Cleanup Grants...* which provide direct funding for cleanup activities at certain properties with planned greenspace, recreational, or other nonprofit uses.

Common sense tells us the receipt of a Brownfield grant can only be a "win/win" scenario for the City of Talladega. The use of the grants would as a minimum result in the cleaning up of our blighted areas around the City, and improve the aesthetics of our community. The redevelopment of these properties might also directly or indirectly result in new jobs and increases in local taxes, which would help the City. The reinvestments in these properties will also result in the utilization of the City's existing infrastructure, while taking development pressures away from the current property owner. Finally, the efforts will improve and protect the environment by ridding the area of the hazardous substance or contaminant.

As Chairman of the Airport Board, I offer my support... and the Board's support... to the City as it seeks federal assistance to eliminate Brownfield sites within the City. We encourage the City to pursue any and all necessary funds available, with the same goals in mind that we have been following as we have developed our airport. We as agents of the City, working on behalf of our residents, need to take whatever actions are necessary for the overall good of the community.

If I can be of assistance to you during this process, please call me at 256-375-9878 or at my house at 256-362-6665 to discuss the matter.

Yours truly,



Ray Miller
Board Chairman



Talladega College

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November 11, 2008

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Dear Mr. Stampfler:

Dr. Billy C. Hawkins
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The Office of Sponsored Programs at Talladega College pledges its full support to your effort to acquire funding to conduct "Site Assessments" to determine where potential environmentally contaminated sites are located in the Talladega community. It is clear that areas in a community that are contaminated with health risk pollutants pose serious medical problems for local residents and visitors.

In addition, the project has the potential to provide hands-on training for Talladega College students who are enrolled in the Environmental Toxicology class. It would be a wonderful activity to help form a solid partnership between the College and the City in an attempt to establish an environmentally safe place to live.

Therefore, you can count on this office to support your effort to identify sites of environmental pollution in the area.

Sincerely,

Leonard S. Cole, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Sponsored Programs



Talladega College

November 11, 2008

Mr. Michael Stampfler
City Manager
P.O. Box 498
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Mr. Stampfler:

On behalf of the entire Talladega College Family, I would like to submit this letter in support of your very important effort to secure funding to conduct "Site Assessments" in the city of Talladega. We understand that this assessment is important to our community, and will assist us in identifying possible harmful pollutants, which could potentially compromise the health and quality of life for our students and residents of the City of Talladega.

In addition to identifying harmful pollutants in our community, this grant will provide a unique opportunity for our students enrolled in the Environmental Toxicology class to collaborate with the City of Talladega during the assessment period. Several years ago, this course was added to our curriculum in an effort to expose our students to hands on approach relative to environmental science. Additionally, a project of this nature will assist the college in one of our long-term goals to embark upon a community development initiative designed to stimulate economic growth and renewal in our community, while promoting an environmentally safe residential and business community.

I would like to thank the City of Talladega for leading this very important effort, and we look forward to working with you in the future. Your generous support of this initiative demonstrates your commitment to the long-term economic stability and rehabilitation of this community.

Sincerely,

Billy C. Hawkins, Ph.D.
President